

*Lafayette county sheriff's office*

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**June 23, 2015**

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisor's Law Enforcement Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on June 23, 2015, in the Sheriff's Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Committee Chairman Gerald Heimann. Also present at the meeting were: Committee members David Halloran, Dwayne Larson and Connie Hull, as well as Sheriff Reg Gill, Chief Deputy John Reichling and Lieutenant Theresa Burgess.

Mr. Heimann called for proof of postings. Sheriff Gill reported meeting notices were posted June 18, 2015 at the Lafayette County Courthouse, Darlington Municipal Building and First Merit Bank in Darlington.

The minutes from the previous monthly meeting, as well as a special meeting held on June 17th were presented and read. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Wage Increases for Part-time Employees: Sheriff Gill advised the board of the struggle to recruit candidates for part-time employment as the agency's wage base falls below most surrounding cities, villages and counties. Sheriff Gill also reported that staff overtime has increased, due to the lack of part-time help. The Sheriff added that the last recruit class from Southwest Technical College graduated just four candidates. It was recommended by Mr. Larson that Sheriff Gill draft a letter to the Human Resources Committee expressing his concern on this issue, as the 2016 budget process would be initiated in a short time.

Discussion on Upcoming Lafayette County Fair Security: Sheriff Gill reported on the requests made by the Fair Board for security at the annual event. He announced that Sgt. Darrell Morrissey will be coordinating fair security this year.

Continued Discussion on Proposed Communication Tower Project: Sheriff Gill reported that he researched a question brought up at the Town Hall Meeting on June 17, 2015. That question addressed whether it was possible for the County to rent/lease space on an *existing privately owned tower*. There is a tower located on STH 81, West of Darlington, and is owned by Dairyland Cooperative. The Sheriff found it was not practical to rent

enough space on the Dairyland tower for all the antennas and receivers required by the County.

CrimeStoppers: Lt. Burgess reported on a Crime Stoppers meeting held June 9, 2015. The board will be recruiting new members and will meet again on August 11, 2015.

Impound Clean-Up: Impound cleanup was very successful. The shredding of legally expired files and destruction of legally expired evidence, along with ridding the building of accumulated trash, freed up significant space. The Committee was advised there would be costs associated with the dumpster rental and shredding services employed.

Sheriff's Update: The committee was briefed on a recent arrest of a felon in possession of firearms, in which a search warrant was executed utilizing both the Sheriff's Office *Emergency Response Team* along with the use of a Bearcat from Rock County. The Sheriff was pleased to report the search and arrest were handled without incident. Members of the Sheriff's Office *Emergency Response Team* also responded to a request for assistance from Carrol County, Illinois members, on a search warrant involving methamphetamine charges.

The Sheriff also updated the Committee on the progress of research being conducted seeking a new records management software system for the agency. Thus far, two companies are being interviewed. The department will continue their search for viable alternatives.

The Committee was also advised that the County's Information Technology Manager, Jason Walter cautioned the Sheriff of the critical situation regarding the department's near-full storage system housing all the agency's squad video files. Walter advised the Sheriff to purchase additional storage space, for the evidentiary video, immediately. The matter will be handled by the IT Department.

Bills: All monthly bills were presented and read. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ms. Hull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: July 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Halloran, second by Hull. Meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.